

Tabor Mennonite Church

June 16, 2019

Notes of Thanks

Friends at Tabor, I'm so grateful for your many expressions of caring for me while I recover from Corneal Transplant & Cataract surgery. Please continue to pray for the patience needed as I'm experiencing the normal fluctuation in eyesight. I'm reminded in Philippians 4:6...Do not be anxious about anything.

~Eileen Schmidt

Praise God for the successful surgeries that Paul had this past week. Thank you for the many prayers and expressions of concern for us during this time.

~Paul and Norma Graber

Congregational Announcements

Fathers of Tabor children, this is for you! Please join your child(ren) in their Faith Formation time on Father's Day, June 16. There will be special activities for you to do together with your child. AND MOTHERS, your turn is on June 23! Plan to be there!

New Hope Shelter: Tabor's week to serve at New Hope Shelter is June 19-25. Please see Barb Abrahams or John and Ruth Peters to volunteer, to serve, or provide meals. If you have not volunteered at the Shelter before and would like to do so, a Volunteer Training is taking place at 900 W. Broadway, Building 7, Newton, on June 17 at 6:30 pm. Thanks for your continued support of the shelter.

Donations requested for Children's Day Camp: Our theme for July 23 is "Service," and the children will assemble Hygiene Kits for Mennonite Central Committee. Please consider donating any of the following items:

adult-size toothbrush (in package) large bar bath soap (in wrapper),
nail clipper (good quality) wide-toothed comb (6-8 in),
hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 16 in. x 26 in).

We are also collecting gently used children's books and puzzles (25-100 pieces) to donate to the Et Cetera Shop. Place hygiene kit items and puzzles and books in the blue tubs, both located beneath the literature rack.

There is still time to register children entering 1st-5th grade for this Free Day Camp, sponsored by area churches. Brochures with dates and complete information can be found on the table in the foyer.

Faithful Fitness on Wednesdays: All are invited to join our Faithful Fitness class at 5:30pm on Wednesdays in the church basement. Classes include strength training exercises led by Kevin Nickel from 5:30-6:00pm and a group walk from 6:00-6:30pm. Come for all or part of the class on any days it works for you!

Free Books! If you would like a red hymnal or a Tabor Church Centennial photo book, feel free to pick one up from the table in the church foyer.

Mennonite Church USA Convention will be held in Kansas City July 2-6. Delegates from Tabor are Pastor Phil Schmidt, Leann Toews, Eric Litwiller, and Jose Suastegui.

Western District Annual Assembly will take place July 26-27 on the Bethel College Campus. If you would like to serve as a delegate for Tabor, please contact a pastor or the church office to volunteer.

You are invited for dessert at Alexanderwohl, Sunday, June 23 at 6:30pm to hear Pastor Caleb Yoder and Kris Schmucker share stories and learnings from the Mexico border in South Texas as part of the MCC Borderlands Learning Tour. Join us in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy refreshments together, grapple with a complex justice concern and come away challenged.

Summer is a great time for students to donate blood and help save lives!

You can donate at age 17 (or 16 with parental consent). Sign up at redcrossblood.org for the June 25 drive at Goessel Church from 1:00-6:00.

The children's activities of Uncle Milt's Shed at Threshing Days is in need of a large number of empty Pringles chip cans and tractor calendars (especially John Deere) for craft projects. 125-150 kids are anticipated. If you have these items to donate, please drop them off at the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum in Goessel during business hours by Friday, July 12. Contact Susan Nafziger (620-367-4623 or nafziger@mtelco.net) if you have questions. Thanks!

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for children and their families participating in WDC Resource Library's summer story hour.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: June is a busy month for DOOR, a Mennonite Mission Network partner. Pray for youth groups as they experience their faith in new ways in urban settings through the Discover program.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Give thanks for the faithful service of AMBS faculty and staff members Sara Wenger Shenk, Loren Johns, Ken Hawkey and Bob Rosa, who will either be retiring or ending their time at AMBS in June. Together they have served more than 51 years in all!
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: Pray for Central Plains Mennonite Conference, Central District Conference and Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference as each conference gathers for their respective annual meetings during June 20-23.

Western District Conference:

—Western District Conference Annual Assembly: We Are Witnesses! July 26-27, Bethel College, North Newton, is free for all children and youth. Please register and bring your family. There will be fun activities for all ages to learn how to love, follow, and serve Jesus today. For more information, go to: mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2019annualAssembly.

—**You are invited to Peace Mennonite Church**, Lawrence to hear Pauline Sharp's presentation about Kanza history and the Kanza Heritage Society on Sunday, June 30, from 7-8:30 pm. This presentation is hosted by the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition (for more information see <https://dofdmennon.org>). Refreshments will be provided.

—**Conference Resource Library Summer Reading Program** -

Everyone everywhere is invited! Take the summer to explore what it means to follow Christ and find some new favorite books. You're invited to participate in the summer reading program! Everyone in every WDC congregation is invited to take part. Children can sign up at: <https://forms.gle/tZooHWMz76YPEzDj6> and will earn prizes for every 15 books (or chapters) they read. Adults sign up at: <https://forms.gle/LWZZyUhX5G396q6Z9>; adult prizes include books and giftcards.

—**Conference Resource Library Summer Story Hour** - All children ages 3-8 are invited to come "Down on the Farm" for a farm-tastic summer story hour. Mondays at 9:30, July 17-July 22 at 2517 N Main in North Newton KS. Stories, crafts, and more led by Marjie Warkentine. Sign up at: <https://forms.gle/AnSemnebkM8xr8gg6>.

Camp Mennoscah:

—Still room at the inn! Camp Mennoscah still has spaces available for summer youth campers from grades 3-12 (fall 2019). (Spaces at Senior High Camp are continually added—sign up!) Our summer theme is Peace Works: Empowering Peacemakers. The fun, faith and fellowship is just beginning and you don't want to miss out! Register online at campmennoscah.org and call us at 620-297-3290 with questions. It's the best time you'll have this summer!

—Come on out, all you families and friends, adults and youths, kids and parents! Camp Mennoscah has a weekend of fun for you at our Family Weekend, June 29-30. A light schedule allows you to have time to be together and do the camp activities of your choosing. We'll have swimming, a campfire, and do-it-yourself crafts led by our intrepid summer staffers. Rustic cabins and Retreat Center and bunk house options available. Register online at campmennoscah.org! Call 620-297-3290 with questions.

Contact and registration for Camp Mennoscah:

Online at www.campmennoscah.org Telephone: [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290).

Email: office@campmennoscah.org.

Contact: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Mennonite Central Committee:

—Make plans to join in the fun at the **MCC Comforter Mini Blitz** at MCC in North Newton! If you can tie a knot, then you can certainly tie a comforter, all ages are welcome!! Friday, June 21 from 9-5; Saturday, June 22 from 8-4; drop in or stay for the day! You are welcome to bring a snack to share and if you stay through lunch you'll need a sack lunch, too. Contact katemast@mc.org for more information.

—**MCC urgently seeks host home** in the Newton area: Silav Yea, a 24 year old from Cambodia will be serving through MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) beginning in August. She will be working at both Prairie Harvest and the Newton Et Cetera Shop for her one year service term. Curious to learn more? Contact Sara Dick generalmanager@netwonetceterashop.com or Terri Gaeddert terri@prairieharvestks.com for details.

—**Mennonite Central Committee Central States is hiring** for a Young Adult Program Coordinator. This position is available starting on August 5 within the 16-state Central States region. The Young Adult Program Coordinator coordinates and recruits for MCC Central States' young adult programs, including the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP), Summer Service Worker (SSW) program, the Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program, and Seed. This position connects with Central States' young adult alumni, especially using social media, and creates opportunities for young adults from the Central States region to serve and develop leadership skills. The full job description is available at serve.mcc.org. Please contact Heidi Huber at heidihuber@mcc.org for more information. Application close date: July 5, 2019

—**MCC needs your help to replenish supplies** in our Material Resources Center! The following items are running low: black and white spools of all-purpose thread, minimum 250 yards, for Sewing Kits (each kit has 3 spools of each color in it). Lotion, minimum 10 oz, for Returning Citizen Care Kits and sanitary napkins, thin maxi, any count, for Relief Kits. MCC only distributes complete kits, so when we are low on one item the processing of the entire kit comes to a halt. Items for kits can be dropped off or shipped to MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117. Questions? Check out the kits page at mcc.org/kits or contact katemast@mcc.org.

Concert: On Saturday evening, June 29, at 7:00 p.m. The Walking Roots Band will be giving a concert at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. A free will offering will be collected to help pay travel and tour expenses.

Bethel College:

—Sun., June 23 – Jim Kauffman, grandson of Kauffman Museum founder Charles Kauffman, will sign copies of his new book, *Kauffman: Three Merchants of Integrity*, 3-4 p.m. at Kauffman Museum. This 2018 family biography tells the story of Jim Kauffman's his father, Lloyd, his grandfather (Charles) and his great-grandfather, Jacob. Books will be for sale at the June 23 event. For more information, contact Andi Schmidt Andres, asa@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

—Fri., June 28 – Kauffman Museum will host an opening reception for a temporary exhibit, "Walk A Mile," an expressive arts project that features art created by EmberHope Youthville's residential children, 4-6 p.m. "Walk A Mile" will be on display at the museum – free of charge in the outer lobby – June 29-July 22. For more information contact Michael Reinschmidt, mreinschmidt@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary:

—Introducing AMBS's new fully online MA! In response to a growing demand for online master's degrees, AMBS has launched a fully online MA: Theology and Global Anabaptism. The 46-credit-hour academic degree program can be completed in four years of part-time study and offers a global approach to Anabaptist theological education. ambs.edu/matga

—Join the Journey program! Nurture your leadership abilities. Deepen your theological perspectives. Tend to your spiritual formation. Journey offers mentor-mentee partnerships, distance-learning opportunities and community support. The AMBS program is open to all who are exploring what ministry looks like in their life. ambs.edu/journey